

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the global community now faces extraordinary challenges, such as global health issues, food and water shortages, and economic struggles; and

**WHEREAS**, all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment with economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, it is understood that the citizens of the global community must step forward and take action to create a green economy to combat the aforementioned global challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, a green economy can be achieved on the individual level through educational efforts, public policy, and consumer activism campaigns; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to broaden and diversify this global movement to achieve maximum success; and

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day is the beginning of a new year for environmental stewardship commitments, to implement sustainability efforts and commit to an Earth Day resolution.

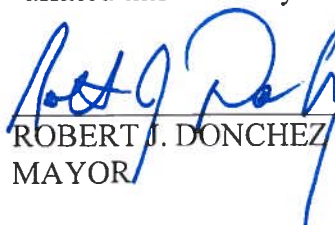
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Robert J. Donchez, Mayor of the City of Bethlehem of Bethlehem PA do hereby proclaim April 22, 2016 as:

## **Earth Day**

in the City of Bethlehem, PA and I urge all citizens to support green economy initiatives and to encourage others to undertake similar actions.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Bethlehem to be affixed this 22nd day of April, 2016.

  
ROBERT J. DONCHEZ  
MAYOR